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Students Get Mail From Celebrities

By Jane Appel

Imagine receiving mail from such famous individuals as Pearl Buck or Mayor Robert F. Wagner!

Students in Mr. George Albert's English 4H6 are beginning to think nothing of it. As a matter of fact, five pupils have already received such letters.

All this started when the class was learning the art of writing a business letter. Mr. Albert decided to add some realism and novelty to the skill. Instead of the usual business correspondence, the class wrote formal letters to famous people. The students received grades for their letters, but Mr. Albert promised extra credit to those who received replies. For the most part, the pupils wrote to literary, financial, and political figures.

Student Writes on Peace

Marilyn Zolotor received a reply from Norman Cousins, editor of the *Saturday Review*. In her letter, referring to peace, Marilyn wrote, "I enjoy thinking that what all men are searching and hoping for is peace. But man is too egotistical and too often concerned with materialistic values to think of an abstract ideal like peace. It has been said that people learn by their mistakes. But must we make the mistake to become involved in a nuclear war to learn that life is not a game and the atom not a toy?"

Mr. Cousins thanked Marilyn for her thoughtful letter and added that "It is encouraging to know that in a time such as this, when Americans are said to have given themselves over entirely to the pursuit of material plenty, there are citizens like yourself who probe, reflect, and respond."

Writes to Mayor

Another student, Elizabeth Awad, addressed her letter to Mayor Robert F. Wagner, asking him to list the major issues of his campaign and his position on them. Mayor Wagner sent Elizabeth a letter and a brochure on this topic.

Arlene Tuccillo wrote to Miss Pearl S. Buck, asking her whether she (Ar-

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Pilot to Publish Anniversary Issue

To commemorate the opening of Fort Hamilton High School twenty years ago, a special anniversary issue of the *Pilot* will be published January 18.

The paper will possess a completely new format and will be devoted entirely to the changes and events that have taken place during the two decades of the school's history.

Among the high lights will be a photograph of the charter members of the Fort Hamilton faculty. In addition, the issue will contain pictures of the administration; comments on some alumni of the class of 1957, prepared from a survey made by a former teacher; and numerous other items of special interest.

Photographs of the Crescent Athletic Club, formerly on the site of Fort Hamilton, and of the late Mayor Fiorello La Guardia laying the cornerstone of the school will be included.

Ingenious Boys Construct Radios

Did you ever make a radio? The members of the Radio-Physics Club are quite familiar with the process.

Every Friday afternoon the club meets in 105, under the supervision of Mr. Max Eisner, where these talented students build and discuss their products. At present they are comparing the vacuum tube with the transistor.

The purpose of this club is to enable scientifically-minded students to further their knowledge in the radio field and to enable them to construct mechanical devices.

The club also helps prepare students interested in taking an Amateur Radio Operation Test given by the federal government. One can obtain a license to operate a transmitter only if he passes this test.

SEASONS



Pan American Club Welcomes Members

The Pan American Club, under the guidance of Miss Anita Coleman, is open to all present and former Spanish students.

"The purpose of the club is to create more understanding and appreciation of other people in the world who speak Spanish," said the adviser.

Newly elected officers are: Gayle Johnson, 4B12, president; Marilyn Zolotor, 4B6, vice president; and Frances Di Bari, 4A15, secretary.

At club meetings members view films and slides of Spain, Mexico, Central America and South America. They listen to Spanish records and sing Spanish songs.

The club plans to perform a Christmas play in Spanish and also publish a Spanish newspaper. Later they hope to visit a Spanish restaurant for lunch, make a trip to the Hispanic Society Museum, and see a Spanish movie.

The club meets alternate Wednesdays in 204 at 3 P.M.

Third Year Students Study Graphic Arts

The Art Department has provided for a wider range of experience in art for its third year students.

Under the guidance of Miss Anna C. Dick, chairman of the department, juniors are receiving more instruction in the technical processes of sculpture, color and design, painting, and drawing. The graphic arts—relief printing, block printing, and silk screening—are being emphasized.

Attempts are being made to develop more creative ability among students interested in art. Boys and girls are permitted to take charge of illustrations and holiday displays.

Said Miss Dick, "Life in the Art Department is exciting. There is never a dull moment, and the students who come to us always find opportunities for enjoyment."

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Pakistani Student To Visit Hamilton

By Karen Winther

In February this school will assume the duties of host to Miss Dureen Islam, a seventeen-year-old student from Pakistan.

"Last spring we told the Herald Tribune that we would like to participate in their youth program," said Miss Rita Duhig, who is working in conjunction with Miss Margaret Kelly and Mr. Andrew Williams, advisers of the Minutemen.

"This year we were informed that we could do so."

The club's primary concern was where Dureen would live while attending Fort Hamilton. Three senior girls cordially offered to house the visitor. The Herald Tribune finally decided to have her stay at the home of Rosemary Stachowiak, 4B8.

To Remain 3 Weeks

Dureen's three-week stay will last from February 26 to March 15, during which time she will follow a regular senior program.

In a short autobiography to the Herald Tribune, Dureen recalled her first day at school, wrote, "I was a little girl of four in a serge uniform, feeling rather stricken at the massive school building and clinging to my mother's sari. I expected, I presume, to see some monster when the door opened."

"We hope," said Miss Duhig, "that when she is welcomed by Hamiltonites, any similar feelings will vanish."

Dureen will also spend three weeks on Long Island and three in New Jersey. She will later visit Sarah Lawrence College, then go to Washington, D.C.

Music Department Offers 4 Programs

The Music Department, under the direction of its chairman, Mr. Herbert Lessell, presented two of its annual series of four Christmas music assemblies December 6 and yesterday.

The Boys Chorus, the Girls Chorus and the Band performed at the first assembly; the Mixed Chorus and the Orchestra at the second.

The programs, which consist mostly of traditional carols, contemporary Christmas music, and works of Bach, Tchaikovsky, and Bizet, will be repeated next Wednesday and Thursday for those grades which have not already seen them.

Mr. Lessell is assisted by Mrs. Marie Salzberg, Mrs. Ethel Koff and Mr. Gerald Heffron.

Science Theatre Makes Its Debut

Will computers eventually relieve man of the necessity to think? Find out this afternoon at the first meeting of the Science Theater when the film, "Thinking Machines," will be shown.

This newly organized activity, under the supervision of Miss Evelyn Morholt, chairman of the Biology and General Science Department, will take place every Thursday at 3 o'clock in room 106. "Visual Perception," "New Lives for Old," and other scientific films on loan from the Board of Education have been scheduled for future sessions.

Said Miss Morholt, "At each meeting there will be a short discussion of the topic preceding the showing of the movie. All interested students are invited to attend these presentations."

Anchor Editor Weighs Career in Journalism

By Vicki Halper

As the *Pilot* has decided to censor the much overused word "versatile" in newspaper interviews, it has become almost impossible to describe

Marilyn Zolotor, this year's co-editor-in-chief of the *Anchor*, school literary magazine.

Marilyn's varied interests include writing, painting, and theatre hopping.

She spends her free afternoons and weekends working in the 72nd Street Library.

"Although I am interested in most activities," she said, "literature and writing are my major loves."

A Successful Beginning

If Marilyn's accomplishments in this field are any indication of her talent, she has made a successful beginning towards a fulfilling career. "My literary interests began with staff work on my junior high school magazine, *The McKinleyan*," she noted. "I've been writing seriously ever since then. This past summer I was chosen to edit

the newspaper at the camp in which I was working."

By inquiring into her summer activities in New Hampshire, I learned that Marilyn was an assistant arts and crafts director in a girls camp. It was also the first time she had spent any length of time away from home.

"Even though I had a wonderful summer," she said, "I don't think I'll return to Camp Winnitaska. That experience made me greedy for new vistas. I don't think that I could be satisfied any longer with a one-sided view of life."

Open to New Ideas

This outlook is certainly characteristic of the *Anchor* editor. Marilyn is always open to new ideas and eager for unusual experiences. As a junior she attended the United Nations Junior Council. "The Junior Council made me acutely aware of world problems. It is regrettable that more students do not take an active part in politics."

Marilyn can hardly be called passive. A while ago she received a laudatory answer to a searching letter

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Susan Dunn Is A-1 Person, Says Reporter

By Jane Appel

Monday, 2:58 P.M. Received orders from *Pilot* editor. Assigned to interview Susan Dunn. Was told she would be found in the *Anchor* headquarters, room 329. "Write just the facts. The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

2:59 P.M. Headed for 329. Encountered difficulty in locating Susan Dunn. Learned she is co-editor-in-chief of the *Anchor*, literary magazine. Very busy senior. Has been vice president of Psychology Club and member of Arista and Minutemen.

Also member of *Alliance Française de New York*. Has been interested in French. Spent last summer studying

the language at Colby College, Waterville, Maine. Awarded third prize in Chamber of Commerce Essay Contest. Received awards for articles published in *French-American Student*.

Remarkable Senior

2:60 P.M. (3 P.M.) Found out more information concerning one remarkable senior—Susan Dunn. Has been studying piano for seven years. Enjoys popular music. Loves to read (especially poetry). Carl Sandburg her favorite. Athletic, too. Participates in ice skating and tennis. Likes to swim.

2:61 P.M. (3:01 P.M.) In walked Susan Dunn. Asked her for a few moments of her time. Said she found writing most satisfying because it enabled her to express her thoughts clearly and forcefully and to originate new ideas. Added she hoped that

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The Editors Say...

The Atomic Christmas

This Christmas season we will be witness to a beautiful coincidence. The universal spirit of good will that has always accompanied this holiday will be reinforced by the recent discovery of a cure for mankind's only killer.

The disease is neither cancer nor heart ailment. The unique cause of all death is, of course, life. And the unique cure for this disease is the atom bomb.

It should be pointed out that many people do not see the salutary effects of this medicine. They have split into two groups—one battling the use of the bombs, the other busy protecting itself through the erection of bomb shelters.

We are concerned with the latter, for the bomb shelter devotees will have the task of bringing the season's spirit into their vaults.

Parents will have the special problem of answering such childhood queries as: "How do we know it's Santa knocking and not a neighbor seeking protection?" or "Don't you think that we should take reindeer into the shelter? After all, they might become extinct if a bomb is dropped."

As the sole responsibility for ethical and cultural education will fall on the parents, careful consideration should be made with regard to the decoration of the shelter and to the entertainment.

We suggest that various well known Bible sayings adorn the walls. These may include such basic phrases as "Love thy neighbor as thyself" and "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Musical entertainment should include Handel's *Messiah* and Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*.

A decorated tree is especially recommended for a Christmas bomb shelter. Besides the gaiety it symbolizes, greenery may be of special use as oxygen producers if the air supply should be cut off.

As a parting word, may we add that no shelter would be complete without the noblest sign of Christmas cheer—the missile-toe.

Welcome, Dureen

East will meet West in Bay Ridge February 26, when Miss Dureen Islam, of Pakistan, will come to our school for a three-week stay.

Dureen will be able to get a first-hand picture of what Americans are like. The impressions she will receive will be the impressions she will take back with her to Pakistan.

We are confident that Hamiltonites will prove to Dureen that Americans respect other people of the world—even though these people differ in color, race, religion, or dress—and that the American way of life is the democratic way.

We are also sure that Dureen, on her return to Pakistan, will tell her people that we are freedom-loving, that we respect the rights of others, and that we try to promote the welfare of all.

A happy visit to you, Dureen. We eagerly await your arrival!

Jetsam

By Daniel Cooper

MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH:

1. Read *War and Peace* in one hour.
2. Name all the parts of speech, while reading *Ode to a Grecian Urn* backwards, with crackers in your mouth.
3. Smile as big as Mr. Gersten smiles (4¼").

CHEMISTRY:

1. Balance this equation, using a bathroom scale:
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2. Laugh at one of Mr. Zakon's jokes.

FRENCH:

1. See a French film starring Brigitte Bardot, while wearing sunglasses.

GYM:

1. Dance the Twist with Mr. Lebowitz (girls), do ten series of Jumping Jack exercises (boys), go to Emergency Room (others).

JOURNALISM:

1. Have a *Pilot* article in before the deadline.

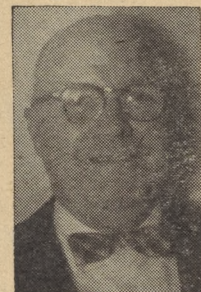
PTA President Devoted To Welfare of School

By Jean Scott and Janet Yellen

For an organization to be successful, a prime requisite is to have a dedicated, interested, capable leader. The Parent-Teachers Association of Fort Hamilton High School has been fortunate to find such a man to serve as its new president, Mr. Carl Seagren.

Busy Year Ahead

"The PTA has planned a busy agenda for the coming year," said Mr. Seagren. In addition to performing its traditional function of serving as a



liaison between parents and school, the PTA has scheduled a series of lectures by representatives of various colleges.

Entrance requirements, as well as the

school's curriculum, will be discussed. "In this way, the PTA can help parents find the right type of school for their children. The student who is not scholastically inclined need not become a failure, for he or she can attend a commercial or technical school and learn a trade," said Mr. Seagren.

The program was initiated November 27 with a lecture on the topic "Manpower and Its Importance to the United States."

Gifts To School

The PTA has allocated \$2500 in its 1961-62 budget for gifts to the school. Since none have been decided upon, "suggestions are welcome."

Mr. Seagren, who is in the retail bakery business, is an energetic participant in many community activities. In 1955 he became a Cub Scout leader and is now a Neighborhood Commissioner of Boy Scouts.

As a member of the Coast Guard for four years, he developed a deep interest in boats and is now a member of the U.S. Power Squadron, an organization engaged in promoting safety in boating operations. The group meets at Fort Hamilton High School and is open to all who wish to join.

Son a Freshman Here

The newly elected PTA president is the father of three children — Nancy, a student at Fredonia State Teachers' College; Carl Gary, a freshman at Fort Hamilton; and Lynn, a second-grader at P.S. 104. Mr. Seagren hopes that his experience with his own family will help him guide other Fort Hamilton parents.

162 Years Ago

162 years ago today, in 1799, George Washington, the first President of the United States, died of pneumonia at the age of 67. Susceptible to frequent colds, Washington died after a ride in the snow around his Mt. Vernon estate.

Round About

By Mary Azzara

Question: Do you feel pessimistic or optimistic about the future, considering the terrible weapons of destruction the major powers have?

Constance Biancoviso, 3B6:

Pessimistic. Capitalism and republicanism could defeat Communism easily in a competitive type of fight. The U.S.S.R. may, however, resort to the use of bombs since its way of life could win in no other way.

Svend Abrahamsen, 4B2:

I feel optimistic about the future of mankind. Man has recently achieved a power of destruction which was inevitable. Consequently he will now search for a way to insure his posterity.

Jo Anne Russo, 2A9:

I am pessimistic concerning this because I honestly feel that no good will come from perfecting weapons of destruction. Instead, we should use our scientific knowledge for advanced work on machines for cooperative living.

Denise Khoury, 1A13:

I am completely optimistic about the fact that there will not be a nuclear war, for I feel that the Russian Communists do not want war any more than we do. By starting a war, they would not only destroy us but also themselves. I am sure that they too realize this.

Robert Travers, 3A1:

I feel pessimistic for I am not looking forward to being buried alive. If there is another war it will take a very long time to recover from it. Many countries in Europe still feel the effects of World War II.

Ellen Rothman, 2A29:

I don't believe the world will be devastated during my own lifetime. However, within the next century, unless something is done to avert it, there will be one false alarm, or one miscarriage of orders, or one impulsive decision that will bring about World War III and inevitable destruction.

Ann Marie Abrahamsen, 4A1:

In view of the present situation, I think a pessimistic attitude is the only practical viewpoint. We can destroy the world, but the world is not ours to destroy.

Flotsam

By Susan Hirsch

We received the following story from one of our readers and thought that it pointed out some of the hazards caused by jokers too full of holiday cheer.



Dear Editors:

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house All the kids were stirring, but not a mouse. (The cat was very hungry and quite a good chaser.) The nylon stockings were hung on the clothesline with care

In the hope that Christmas Day soon would be there. The parents were slumbering fast in the beds, While visions of footache danced all through their heads.

(They were remembering the pre-Christmas shopping, of course.)

So Sis in her curlers and I in my cap Didn't settle ourselves for a long winter's nap. (We wrapped presents. Ugh!)

When hard on the roof there arose such a clatter That I sprang from my chair to determine the matter. I ran to the window and there in a flash I opened the shutter and threw back the sash, And what to my popping out eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

Naturally I was upset because I had never had hallucinations before. I was about to call an analyst for immediate aid, when this little fat old man gets out of the sleigh with a laugh. These practical jokers drive me crazy; so I called the police and they got the joker. We didn't press charges because, luckily, he had enough insurance to cover the damage those stupid reindeer did to the roof. We don't expect any trouble this year because we've put barbed wire all over the place.

Yours,

K. O. Xer

As a footnote we just want to say that Mr. Xer was extremely lucky that the little old man didn't drive a big American car. A sports car isn't too bad, but you know what a Ford or a Buick can do to a roof!

Christmas Presents

This year the biggest present our country has received is an extra large dose of bone-building, healthful strontium 90. The U.S.S.R. has given us many presents in the past, but this one is the best (for them). In addition to this great gift, most of the "underdeveloped" countries have sent us checks for the amount of foreign aid they want. This is again a good present (for them).

Of course, the situation isn't that bad for the Armed Forces. Consider the presents they are receiving. Many of the soldiers are stationed in such carefree luxury posts as Berlin. And many of the reservists, besides receiving the benefits to which they are entitled, have been called back into the Army.

The situation is mixed when it comes to monkeys. One who tried to be a hero was lost in a nose cone. (This has been a mixed year for missiles too.) Another, who became an abstract artist, is making a fortune from people buying her paintings for Christmas presents.

Tie manufactures are having their annual boom. Said O.K. Rex, tie maker, "The best present I get is the tie you buy for your father, or brother, or uncle, etc., because what else can you give a man?" (Fathers, brothers, uncles, etc. who are given ties, ties and more ties, have been wondering for a long time why they are never given anything else. Many have thought gifts of ties a subtle way of telling them to go hang themselves.)

What will you give to all your friends, relations, and enemies? As long as you don't give too many of the above, they'll probably wish you a Merry Christmas, and mean it.



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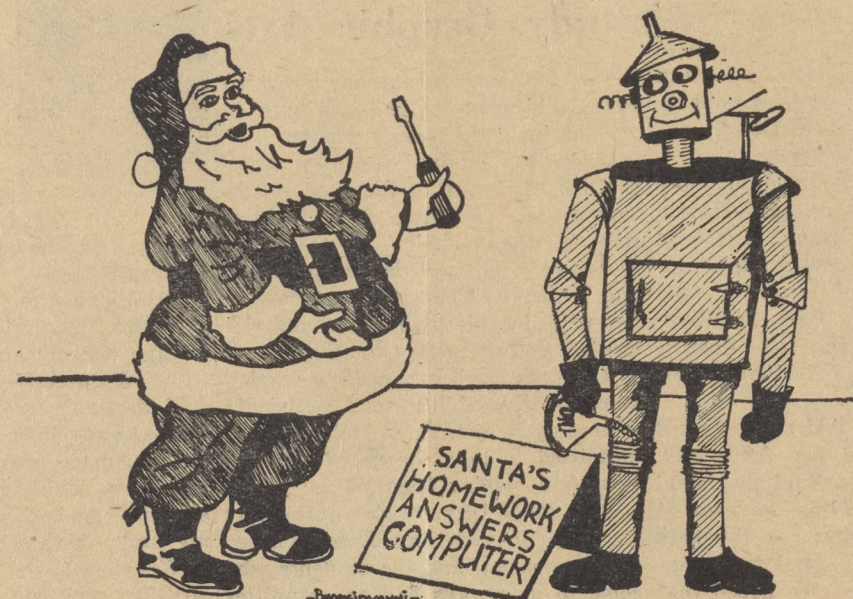
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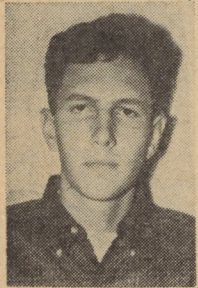




By Lloyd Sara

Now that most of our varsity teams are jelled and the boys are ready for successful seasons, we can look back and recall the initial months when experienced players were green and uncoordinated. Some teams have already completed the fall season.

Every team member at one time needed ironing out, and the mentors worked unceasingly with infinite patience to develop all-round athletes. Our basketball team is a typical example.



Undoubtedly basketball is Fort Hamilton's favorite sport, as well as its most publicized one. Most of the league games draw a packed gymnasium, with cheerleaders, boosters, and enthusiastic audiences urging the cagers to victory.

The courtmen have become a poised, confident unit. Not only have they perfected their game, but they touch up their performances with spirit and humor.

We've lost Dennis Murphy and Bob Moran, the last of the veterans, through graduation. Without these outstanding players, the courtmen must exercise close team play and cooperation. We certainly wish them a victorious season and trust that school spirit and attendance at games will remain high.

Soccer

After a tough season marked by injuries and sickness, the booters terminated league play with the best organized team that Coach Richard Cohen has ever had. They started out raw and ended polished, but it took blood, sweat, and tears.

Soccer has always been a sport of

nationalities and is a favorite in Scandinavia, Greece and Italy. Our team is a conglomeration of players who possess their own spirit, and Mr. Cohen encourages, above all, sportsmanship and fair play.

Quintet Opens Season With Win Over B'klyn Tech

The Fort Hamilton basketball team, under Coach Kenneth Kern, opened its 1961-1962 season on a bright note with a win over the Brooklyn Tech Engineers. This non-league struggle saw the Hamiltonites conquer their foes 64-60.

The second game of the season was against the school arch-rivals, Xaverian. A junior varsity game was played earlier in the evening in which Xaverian triumphed by a wide margin.

Mothers Receive Flowers

Immediately preceding the varsity game, the mothers of the Hamilton basketball team were honored. The boys, one by one, escorted their mothers to centercourt where the ladies were presented flowers.

In the varsity game, which became hard-fought at the end, the Rebels emerged victorious with a score of 62-57.

Bow to Midwood

Midwood was Fort Hamilton's third opponent. In this non-league afternoon encounter the Hamilton Rebels lost their first game of the year, 77-57.

During the game with Tech a most unusual basket was made by Joe Martini. Under the Hamilton hoop a slapped ball hit Joe's foot and rebounded into the basket for two points.

Girl Keglers Mow 'Em Down

Those cries of "Strike!" and "Spare!" at a neighborhood bowling alley Tuesday afternoons come from the Fort Hamilton members of the Girls Bowling Club.

Under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Sullivan, a member of the Girls Health Education Department, the one hundred members meet on Tuesdays at 3 at the Leemark Lanes.

Records of averages, high games and high series are being kept. At the end of the year the bowlers will be divided into teams A, B, C, and D. Later, trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place scores; for the highest game; and for the highest series in each group.

Said Mrs. Sullivan, "The girls are enthusiastic and have a good time learning a game which they will enjoy playing for the rest of their lives—no matter how old they may be."

Blue and White Cheerleaders



Harry Drake

Left to right: Susan Stover, Carolyn Hands, Karen Pryor, Diane Edson, Donna Dikijian, Mary-Ann Pinto, Ann-Marie Abrahamsen, Mary Azzara, Gwendolyn Simmons, Julie Cohn, Francine Jacobsen, Georgiana Telegadis. In white, Co-Captains Margaret Serota and Phyllis Scheck.

Cheerleaders Urge Teams To Fight Their Hardest

By Evelyn Junge

"With a V-I-C-T-O-R-Y, Victory is our cry!"

With this and other cheers, Fort Hamilton's enthusiastic girls—the Boosters and the Cheerleaders—hope to spur our teams on to a winning season.

The 105 girls in Boosters were chosen for their appearance, enthusiasm and school spirit. Eligibility requirements are a minimum 75% average, physical fitness, and a clean character record. The student must be a sophomore, junior or senior and be willing to give up some of her time to represent Fort Hamilton at games.

Slate of Officers

The officers of Boosters are Margareta Dunn, captain; Karen Lange, co-captain; and Marlene Detlef and Lorraine Gagliardi, secretaries. Miss

Charlotte Markell is adviser.

Those girls who were practicing after three on the second floor bridge during October are members of the Cheerleaders Squad. They were Boosters for at least one year and were chosen for their dependability, appearance and ability to perform enthusiastically in accordance with accepted standards. Recently they elected Peggy Serota and Phyllis Scheck co-captains.

Also Sell Tickets

In addition to their cheering duties, the Boosters and Cheerleaders sell tickets to the basketball games. Though it is early in the season, they have already made a good sales record.

Said Miss Markell, "The girls are cheerful and enthusiastic, and we anticipate a very happy year."

Harriers Acquire Steam and Stamina

Undoubtedly, cross-country running provides the greatest test for endurance and speed. Coached by Mr. Albert Kaplan, the harriers have recently terminated its 1961 season.

The team is a small group of boys who compete in grueling 2½-mile races over hill and dale against all the schools in the city. In order to be competent in these races, the boys must raise their stamina by running for several hours on Shore Road, at Owls Head Park, or on the track.

Members of the team are Captain Bob Madsen, George Fjellidal, Al Berardi, Pat Kenevan, Doug Meberg, Carlos Pasarreas, Leo Skelley, Martin Feeney and Fred Liddle. "The most improved member," said Coach Kaplan, "is Bill Burns, who had the best running time and was most consistent."

The coach is preparing the boys for next year's season.

Varsity Bowlers Launch Season

The 1961-1962 Fort Hamilton bowling team has already launched its season. Under the experienced guidance of Coach Harry Flaster, the keggers have been holding practice sessions and matches at the Leemark Lanes.

The bowlers are hoping to repeat, and even surpass, last year's great performance which brought the Hamiltonites to the division title, only to lose to Sheephead Bay for the borough championship.

The squad consists of fourteen men, but the seven starters are Rich Lipari, Ray Wojtusiak, Tom Hoey, Mike Amador, Tom Wedlock, Joe Rocco and George Picciarelli. Ray Wojtusiak is captain; Rich Lipari, co-captain.

The team is a member of PSAL Division I in Brooklyn. Opponents are Lafayette, New Utrecht, John Jay, Grady and Lincoln. The season is approximately eight weeks long and consists of ten matches, two against each team. The winner of the match is decided by the total wood of the top four bowlers for that match.

Leaders Club Plans Active Year as Aides

By Rosemary Stachowiak

The newly formed Leaders Club of the Girls Health Education Department, under the supervision of Mrs. Nettie Hilbert, is planning an active year.

Wearing smart white suits, the 17 club members will referee games and give general assistance in the gymnasium.

Membership Still Open

Membership in this group will be held open until January for those students interested in leadership and athletics. "Freshmen and sophomores are especially urged to join," the adviser said. The organization has a "Big Sister" program, as a result of which Leaders take trainees under their wing and guide them until they will receive their white suits next May.

To become a "White Suiter," a student must first master the skills and rules necessary in all gym activities. After passing a written and practical test, she must give proof of a good character rating, for character is the most important quality in a Leader.

Exciting Events Planned

Many exciting events are on the agenda. The club held a Play Day last month, the theme of which was Thanksgiving. Leaders from other schools participated and shared in the home-made goodies and soda. Medals were awarded to the winning team.

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51% of Class of '61 Attend 148 Schools

By Rose Pagliaro

What has become of last year's graduates? Fifty-one per cent of the Class of '61 went on to further their education at 148 different schools. They accomplished this by being admitted to two and four-year colleges, technical schools, hospital training courses, and secretarial studies.

Majority Stay Here

Thirty per cent of the seniors went college bound for four years, and the itinerary of the institutions they selected could crisscross a map of the United States. Hamiltonites were accepted as far north as Michigan State University, as far west as the University of California, and as far south as the University of Miami. The majority, though, chose to remain in this state. New York University, Brooklyn College, St. John's University, Wagner College, and Long Island University were the popular choices.

Vocational Institutions Liked

The Academy of Aeronautics, Art Career School, Farmingdale Agricultural and Technological Institute, New York Community College, R.C.A. Institute, and the Fashion Institute of Technology were selected by vocation-minded graduates. Some of tomorrow's artists, scientists and fashion designers will be remembered as

Church Is Center Of Trinity Club's Winter Schedule

The Trinity Club, devoted to activities of interest to Protestant Hamiltonites, meets each Thursday in 108, under the supervision of Miss Emma Korner.

Officers are Margit Maakestad, 4B8, president; Harvey Karlsen, 4B14, vice president; Mary Ann Carlsen, 4B12, recording secretary; Arlene Tuccillo, 4B6, corresponding secretary; Edith Kristiansen, 3A1, treasurer.

The club invites community pastors or youth leaders of different denominations to speak at some meetings. At others discussions are held or films are shown.

Christmas Party Planned

This year Fort Hamilton members went with Bay Ridge and Brooklyn Technical members to the Wollman Rink for an ice skating party. A Christmas party is being planned for club members.

The Trinity, Menorah and Newman Clubs hold various charity drives cooperatively. All take an active part in the annual Thanksgiving Clothes Drive and the Christmas Gift Drive.

Four years ago they adopted a five-year-old Korean orphan, Kim Sang Chul, to whom they donate money each month.

Said Miss Korner, "Everyone who is interested is welcome at the meetings."

yesterday's Hamiltonites.

23 to Secretarial Schools

This school will have also contributed to the expanding secretarial field by sending 23 alumnae to Berkeley Secretarial School, Katherine Gibbs, and Wood Secretarial School.

"It is so wonderful to see a growing number of our qualified students attending college or vocational schools, for at no other time has the need been so great for educated Americans," said Mrs. Mary Catania, college adviser.

Marilyn

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she wrote to Norman Cousins, editor of the *Saturday Review* and co-chairman of the National Committee for Sane Nuclear Policy.

Busy, Busy, Busy

Marilyn's plans for this year include a lecture series on Tuesday afternoons at Staten Island Community College, a concert series at Carnegie Hall, and an art class at the Brooklyn Museum. Her first obligation is, of course, to the *Anchor*.

"If the *Pilot* has stopped using the word 'versatile,'" Marilyn said, "I guess we on the *Anchor* will have to stop saying that this issue will be the best ever."

It seems that neither the *Pilot* nor the *Anchor* can discard trite expressions when they are so true.

Student Mail

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lene) was not unrealistic in wanting a happy ending. All of Miss Buck's books end sadly.

Pearl Buck Replies

Miss Buck replied, "You are not unusual in wanting stories to end happily. I think it depends upon what you mean by happiness. Do things always turn out as one wishes? Of course they do not. Also, one's wishes change. I think it is quite all right to expect and hope for a happy ending, but you must be ready for anything that comes."

Letter From England

Harvey Karlsen wrote to Mr. C. S. Lewis, English author, asking about one of his well known books. Mr. Lewis' reply was friendly and enlightening.

Another correspondent was Margit Maakestad. Margit wrote to Dr. Gabriel Hauge, former top executive adviser to then President Eisenhower. Dr. Hauge is presently Vice-Chairman of Manufacturers-Hanover Trust Company.

These letters are now on display under glass in the library, room 214.

Students Probe Deep Into Mind

Schizophrenia, the psychology of art, the superego, the psychology of advertising, hypnosis, and neurotic conflicts are only some of the topics to be discussed in the Psychology Club this year.

Every Thursday at 3, in room 126, Mr. Henry Kamin directs this club, in existence since 1944. The officers are as follows: president, Lucille Clementi; president-elect, Karen Pryor; vice president, Suzanne Valentine; recording secretary, Clorinda Scotto; corresponding secretary, Susan Schnek; and treasurer, Constance Norgren.

The purpose of the club is to study the mental, emotional, and physical behavior of man and other animals and to promote a better understanding among people through a knowledge of the basis of human behavior.

Susan Dunn

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the *Anchor* will serve as an echo for the ideas and opinions of students.

Writing Judged Excellent

2:62 P.M. (3:02 P.M.) Thanked Susan for information and headed back to *Pilot* office. Now behind schedule. Quickly sent out an APB on Susan, a student with interests in many fields. Sent a writing sample to English Department. Writing judged to be excellent.

2:63 P.M. (3:03 P.M.) Left note for editor. Said story still unfinished. Will complete in May, when *Anchor* will be published and your reporter able to review Susan's co-editorship of magazine.

Temporary conclusion: Susan A-1 person. Every reason to believe temporary conclusion will be permanent.

Cast Rehearses For Senior Show

Approximately 75 seniors, under the direction of Miss Peggy Moran, are busy rehearsing for the Senior Show, to be presented Friday, February 2.

The cast and crew meet throughout the week to prepare for the performance, based on the theme of *Kiss Me Kate*. There will be songs, skits, dances, and other scenes portraying different aspects of senior life in Fort Hamilton. The skits and dances have been entirely composed by members of the show.

Supervising the dance numbers are two girls from the Dance Class, Gail Pollack and Elizabeth Awad. Ronald Panvini is conductor for the entire group and orchestra, while Margit Maakestad and Kathy Tregde are directing the music. Jannette Gautier is stage director, assisted by Arlene Pedersen.

Said Miss Moran, "Putting this show together and rehearsing is hard work for the seniors, but it's fun. I'm very grateful to them for helping us make this show a real success. And it will be a success!"

A number of classes with 100% G.O. membership will be privileged to see the performance.

Is This a Good Headline?

Is this a good lead?

Students in the journalism class, English 2H3, have not only been taught to recognize good leads, but are writing them, along with entire news stories. In this class, Mr. Jacob C. Solovay endeavors to acquaint sophomore honor English students with the workings of a newspaper.

The course is geared primarily for future newspaper readers, but some students are selected to write for the *Pilot*. Once in a while a staff member of the paper goes on to a journalistic career.

Although the curriculum is enriched with a background of the history and mechanics of a newspaper, as well as the writing of news and feature stories, editorials, and letters to the editor, none of the basic regular sophomore English requirements are omitted.

"The students in 2H3 are a fine group and enjoy learning about the newspaper profession," said Mr. Solovay. "After all, what single medium presents a better cross-section of contemporary life than the press?"

ARE YOU REALLY

SOPHISTICATED

?

—or are you methodically screening out
a large part of reality from your life?

Sophistication is not playing roulette with men named Raoul on the French Riviera.

Sophistication is not even experience. Some people can travel around the earth and come home no more sophisticated than if they had spent the time looking for worms in an Iowa corn field.

True sophisticates know that today's demand for experts tends to turn people into "specialized splinters"—narrow people who know a great deal about one subject, and almost nothing about anything else.

They know that true sophistication is a way of looking at the entire world—the wars, revolutions and other major upheavals. But also at other meaningful things—the face of a mother who has just seen her son sworn in as a judge... the revealing grin of triumph when a politician undercuts an opponent... a human, detailed report of a courtroom battle.

They don't want to be insulated from reality by nice-nellyism, Mrs. Grundy and official pomposity.

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